

reason related to patentability under 35 USC §§ 101, 102, 103, and/or 112. Furthermore, Applicants expressly reserve the right to pursue the nonelected subject matter in a divisional application.

Such cancellations and amendments are believed to place the application in a condition for allowance and Applicants respectfully request such action.

**B. 35 USC §112, 1<sup>st</sup> ¶**

Claims 15-17 stand rejected under 35 USC §112, 1<sup>st</sup> ¶, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and/or use the invention. The Examiner contends that Applicants have no working examples to support the claimed invention. Further, the Examiner contends that the prior art teaches that the invention may not function. In light of Applicants specification and this response, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration.

The prior art, earlier work of the first named inventor, WO-A-96/13517, indicates that there is a correlation between proliferating response and tolerance induction. (A copy of which is included with this response). Reference to the Results of Example 1 on page 15 and the results on page 20 of Example 2 indicate that there is an art recognized correlation between proliferating response and tolerance induction. Further, the conclusions beginning on page 22 present credible evidence of a correlation between proliferating response and tolerance induction. Accordingly, in light of the above argument, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejection.

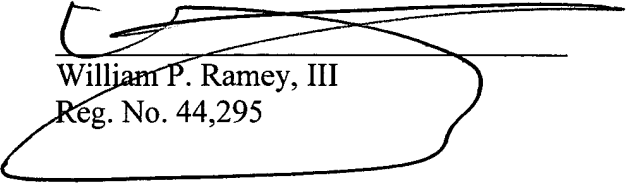
**IV. Conclusion**

The application is believed in a condition for allowance and Applicants respectfully request such action. Please call the below undersigned attorney for any assistance in securing allowance of this application or if the Examiner feels that an interview would further the prosecution of this case. Please charge deposit account number 02-2334 for any required fees.

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